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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MSX PROBLEM WITH KOREAN OYSTERS

REF: STATE 49385

1. IN CONNECTION US-ROK SHELLFISH SANITATION AGREEMENT NMFS REQUESTS RESEARCH SAMPLES OF LIVE OYSTERS BE SHIPPED EVERY 3 MONTHS TO OXFORD LABORATORY BEGINNING MARCH 1974. SAMPLES SHOULD CONSIST OF AT LEAST 50 SEED OYSTERS EACH AND 50 ADULT OYSTERS EACH FROM TOP, MIDDLE AND BOTTOM OF STRINGS FROM EACH OF TWO AREAS; NAMELY SAMPLE STATION NO. 1 CHUBONG AREA (RAFT, DESIGNATED AREA NO. 4) AND SAMPLE STATION NO. 4 NEANGAN RI AREA (LOGLINE - NON-DESIGNATED AREA).

2. SEED OYSTERS COLLECTED IN MARCH SHOULD BE JUNE TO JULY 1973 SET PUT OUT IN FALL OF 1973 AND SHOULD BE LESS THAN 1 YEAR OLD. IF POSSIBLE WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (FRDA) AND PUSAN COLLEGE OF FISHERIES EXAMINE DUPLICATE MATERIALS.

3. PLANS BEING FORMULATED BY OXFORD TO EXAMINE MONTHLY SAMPLES OF PRESERVED SEED OYSTERS (UNDER 1 YEAR) AND ADULT OYSTERS (OVER 1 YEAR) FROM SAME AREAS AND LEVELS AS ABOVE. OXFORD ALSO WILL SOON SUGGEST THAT IN LATE APRIL THROUGH

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MAY AND INTO JUNE, FRDA BEGIN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF SAMPLING

FROM NEANGAN RI AREA IN ATTEMPTS TO SEE IF OYSTERS INFECTED
WITH MSX-LIKE AND EGG PARASITES.

4. SAMPLES SHOULD BE AIR SHIPPED TO BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON
(FRIENDSHIP) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, C/O U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE, NMFS BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, OXFORD, MARYLAND.
PLEASE HAVE ROK INDICATE ON SHIPPING LABEL THAT OXFORD
LABORATORY SHOULD BE CALLED AT AREA CODE 301 226-5193 BY
AIRLINE IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL. PLEASE NOTIFY NMFS IN
ADVANCE OF CARRIER, FLIGHT NO., ETA AND WAY BILL NUMBER
OF ROK SAMPLES. KISSINGER

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